

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 645**HOUSE BILL NO. 3831**

By Representatives Bone, Jim Cobb, Pinion, Shepard, Curt Cobb, Bibb

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3955

**By Senators Henry, Ketron, Haynes, Lowe Finney, Roller, Harper, Watson,
Norris, Burchett, Tracy, Marrero**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 1, relative to military forces.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 58-1-117. The flag or banner of the Tennessee military department shall be of the following design, colors and proportions, to wit: an oblong flag or banner, the principal field of same to be of color blue, but the flag or banner ending at its free or outer end in a perpendicular bar of crimson, of uniform width, running from side to side, that is to say, from top to bottom of the flag or banner, and separated from the blue field by a narrow margin or stripe of white of uniform width; the width of the white stripe to be one third (1/3) that of the crimson bar; and the total width of the bar and stripe together to be equal to one sixteenth (1/16) of the width of the flag. In the center of the blue field shall be a distinctive crest. The crest shall be composed of a gold circle. Within the gold circle is a blue field with "Tennessee Military Department" in white along the top arch. The year "1796" in white shall be along the bottom arch of the circle. Three (3) white stars, representing the three (3) grand divisions of the state of Tennessee, shall be spaced equally on the sides of the language "1796". A gold circle lies within the outer ring. The interior of the gold circle is white. Centered within the white field is a representation of the state of Tennessee, designed in the manner of the Tennessee state flag. A black and white line drawing of the "Minuteman", the symbol of the National Guard, is centered within the white circle, in the foreground, and overlaps the inner gold circle at the top and bottom. The distinctive crest shall be proportional to the appropriate size of the flag.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 6, 2008



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RON RAMSEY, SPEAKER
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APPROVED this 18th day of March 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR